



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation  
on the 12th day of January, 2000

Essential Air Service at

MATTOON, ILLINOIS

Under 49 U.S.C. 41731 *et seq.*

Served: January 18, 2000

Docket OST-1999-6260 -4

ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION

**Summary**

On September 24, 1999, Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express (Great Lakes) filed a **90-day** notice of its intention to suspend its subsidized service at **Mattoon**, Illinois, effective December 23, 1999. By Order 99-11-11, November 17, 1999, the Department prohibited Great Lakes from suspending service beyond the end of its **90-day** notice period, through January 21, 2000, and requested proposals, with subsidy if necessary, to provide replacement service at **Mattoon**. Currently, Great Lakes is providing two nonstop round trips a day in the **Mattoon-Chicago** O'Hare market with **19-seat** aircraft.

The Department has not received any air carrier proposals for **Mattoon**; however, Great Lakes has informed us that they will be filing a proposal for **Mattoon** shortly. Therefore, since this case will not be completed before the end of the current **30-day** hold-in period, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Great Lakes' service obligation at **Mattoon** for an additional 30 days, through February 21, 2000, or until replacement service actually begins, whichever comes first.

This order is issued under authority delegated in 14 CFR 3.85.

**ACCORDINGLY,**

1. We require Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express, to maintain essential air service at **Mattoon**, Illinois, as set forth in Appendix D of Order 99-11-11, for an additional

30-day period through February 21, 2000, or until a carrier capable of providing reliable replacement service actually begins service, whichever comes first;<sup>1</sup>

2. We direct Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express, to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support subsidy claims for payment, and to preserve and maintain such documentation in a manner that readily permits its audit and examination by representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order; and

3. We will serve a copy of this order on the Mayor and airport manager of Mattoon, Illinois, the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Transportation, City of Chicago-Department of Aviation, and Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., d/b/a United Express.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten (10) days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

By:

**RANDALL BENNETT**  
Acting Director  
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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Great Lakes' service obligation for successive 30-day periods as necessary until replacement service actually begins.